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Note by the secretariat of UNCTAD

The attached provisional agenda and annotations thereto (JIGE(VII)/1)** have been prepared by the secretariats of UNCTAD and IMO for the seventh session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and Related Subjects.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Consideration of the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952

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5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report of the Joint Intergovernmental Group on its seventh session

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

1. The Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts (JIGE) may wish to continue with the same officers as those elected at its first session. 1/ The elected officers were: Mr. G. G. Ivanov (Russian Federation), Chairman; Mr. Sergio Ruíz Olmedo (Mexico) and Mr. Karl-Johan Gombrii (Norway), Vice-Chairmen; Mr Zengjie Zhu (China), Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. 2/ If, however, any of these officers is unavailable or unable to continue in office, a replacement should be elected from the same geographical region. 3/

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. In May 1993, the United Nations/IMO Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, having adopted the International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 1993, adopted a resolution

recommending that "the relevant bodies of UNCTAD and IMO, in the light of the outcome of the Conference, reconvene the Joint Intergovernmental Group with a view to examining the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952, and invite the secretariats of UNCTAD and IMO, in consultation with relevant non-governmental organizations, such as the Comité Maritime International, to prepare the necessary documentation for the meetings of the Group". 4/ The recommendations contained in the resolution were endorsed by the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board at its fourth (pre-sessional) executive session (September 1993) and by the IMO Assembly at its eighteenth session.

3. The Joint Intergovernemtal Group may wish, after the adoption of the agenda, to set up a sessional group of the whole, presided over by the Chairman, to undertake the substantive work of the session. The afternoon of 8 December will have to be set aside for the preparation of the draft report. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will hold a closing plenary meeting on 9 December 1994 to consider the work of its sessional group and to adopt the draft report on its seventh session.

4. The Joint Intergovernmental Group may wish to take decisions concerning the organization of its work in the light of these arrangements. 5/

Item 3: Consideration of the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952

5. In order to facilitate the work of the Joint Intergovernmental Group, the secretariats of UNCTAD and IMO have prepared a note entitled "Consideration of the review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships". 6/ This document provides an update of the secretariats' previous report on the subject entitled "Consideration of Revision of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships", 7/ which will also be before the Joint Intergovernmental Group.

Item 4: Provisional agenda and date of the eighth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts

6. Suggestions for the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group will be submitted to the Group by the secretariats.

Item 5: Other business

7. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider any other business which may be submitted to it.

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Joint Intergovernmental Group on its seventh session

8. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its seventh session.

III. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

9. The Joint Intergovernmental Group has five working days, from 5 to 9 December 1994, for the work of the seventh session. The attached tentative schedule has been drawn up on the assumption that the Joint Intergovernmental Group will agree to set up the sessional group of the whole to undertake the substantive discussions at the session. The sessional group could commence its work on the morning of Monday, 5 December 1994. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will hold a closing plenary meeting to conclude its business and to adopt the report of the session on Friday 9 December 1994.

10. Throughout the session, facilities will be available for morning and afternoon meetings with simultaneous interpretation. It is suggested that morning meetings be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

11. It will help to expedite proceedings if written proposals are submitted as early as possible in the session.

Notes

1/ According to the "Common Understanding to be followed by the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts" adopted by the JIGE at its first session (document JIGE(1)/4, TD/B/C.4/AC.8/4, LEG/MLM/4, annex II), the JIGE will have one Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen. One of the Vice-Chairmen shall be designated as Rapporteur by the JIGE. These officers will hold office for the duration of the JIGE. If any of the officers becomes unavailable or is unable to continue in office, a replacement will be elected from the same geographical region. (See paras. 1 and 2 of the Common Understanding).

2/ See report of the Joint Group at its first session (JIGE/(1)/4 - TD/B/C.4/AC.8/4), para. 21).

3/ See the Common Understanding, loc. cit., para. 2.

4/ See the report of the Conference (A/CONF.162/8), annex 1.

5/ See section III below.

6/ Document JIGE(VII)/2, issued by UNCTAD under cover of document TD/B/CN.4/GE.2/2 and by IMO under cover of document LEG/MLM/29.

7/ Document JIGE(VI)/3, TD/B/C.4/AC.8/22 - LEG/MLM/22.

Proposed schedule of meetings

Monday	5 December 1994	a.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 1: Election of officers Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Sessional Group Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships
		p.m.	Idem
Tuesday	6 December 1994	a.m./p.m.	Idem
Wednesday	7 December 1994	a.m./p.m.	Idem
Thursday	8 December 1994	a.m.	Idem
		p.m.	No meeting scheduled, to allow for preparation of the draft report
Friday	9 December 1994	p.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships Item 4: Provisional agenda and date of the eighth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 5: Other business Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Joint Intergovernmental Group on its seventh session

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